The Greatest Love

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Baba and Mansoor sit under a shady tree in their backyard. The afternoon sun casts golden rays through the leaves as a gentle breeze flows around them.

Mansoor: Baba, I love you so much! You are the best Baba in the world!

Baba: (Smiling) MashaAllah, my dear Mansoor. I love you too. But tell me, do you know who should be the one we love the most?

Mansoor: Umm… our family? Like you, Mama, and my little sister?

Baba: That's true, we should love our family. But there is someone even more special. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Mansoor: (Eyes widening) More than you, Baba?

Baba: Yes, my son. The Prophet ﷺ taught us how to live, how to worship Allah, and how to be kind and honest. Loving him means following his Sunnah and obeying Allah. The Prophet ﷺ said: "None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father and his children." (Sahih Bukhari, Hadith #14)

Mansoor: But how can I love him more when I have never met him?

Baba: Ah, that's a good question! Imagine if someone gave you the most beautiful gift, something that made your life happy and easy. Wouldn't you love them?

Mansoor: Yes, of course!

Baba: The Prophet ﷺ gave us the greatest gift—Islam! Because of him, we know about Allah, about Jannah, and how to be good Muslims. He loved us so much that he even prayed for us before he left this world.

Mansoor: (Softly) He prayed for us?

Baba: Yes, my son. He called us his brothers and sisters even though he never met us. He cried for us, worried for us, and taught us the way to Jannah. Doesn't that make you love him?

Mansoor: (Nods) Yes, Baba! I want to love the Prophet ﷺ more! But… how do I show my love?

Baba: By following his Sunnah. When you say Assalamu Alaikum, you follow his way. When you share your toys, help others, and pray on time, you follow his way. And most of all, when you send salawat (blessings) upon him, he hears it and replies!

Mansoor: (Excited) Really? So when I say Allahumma salli 'ala Muhammad, the Prophet ﷺ hears me?

Baba: Yes, my dear. And he will recognize those who love him on the Day of Judgment.

Mansoor: (Smiling) Then I want to love him the most! From now on, I will try to follow his Sunnah every day!

Baba: (Hugging Mansoor) MashaAllah! That is the best decision, my son. May Allah make you among those who truly love and follow the Prophet ﷺ.

Mansoor: Ameen, Baba! And may we meet the Prophet ﷺ in Jannah!

Baba: Ameen, my son!